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Dear Brother Phelps,

Come to the rescue! lest our moral reform women disgrace themselves and their cause irreparably - I do not undertake to decide upon the merits of the case, respecting the controversy between Mrs. B. Ordway and other members of the Board. I think them both wrong - but still, I see not why it could not all be settled if both parties will act fairly - Mrs. Grimelle was at my house some days since, and I suggested a reference of all the points at issue, to a committee of 5 gentlemen - 2 to be chosen by each party, & the 4 to choose their own chairman - Both parties solemnly agreed to it - and now, the Board (one party) on the most flimsy & dishonorable pre-

without prayer". "They seek divine direction" etc - as tho' the Lord would direct them to violate their word! - Well - they may be entirely right in their views of this ordway - or she may be right as they many - or - as I believe, both are partly right & partly wrong - but the agreement to refer the matter for decision to a third party, ought to be adhered to - And if you will say as much to Mrs Fuller & others, it will save a general blow up, among the moral Reform Women thro' New England.

In haste, but with affection

your brother

Chas. G. Finney

tenses, have backed out from their agreement, without the consent of Mrs. Ordway (the other party). Now our Salem Moral Reform folks can't swallow this - nor I neither - Breaches of Contract like this are worse than any thing of which Mrs Ordway is accused - and the pretense is, (1) that Mrs Ordway did not get her referees in season. She tried hard to find them - having only three quarters of an hour to do it! And could not get them that night - But did the next morning - Father - there was no need of haste - and besides, there was no limitation of time in the agreement! And (2) Some of them assume a mock piety about the matter, which betokens great ignorance, if nothing else - saying "they do nothing

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